

## ABSTRACT

- 5        A computer aided dispatch system that automatically provides real time status  
information regarding calls and mobile unit availability to the mobile units. In a preferred  
embodiment of the present invention, call status information and mobile unit status  
information are stored in a CAD CALL and CAD UNIT database, respectively, on a server  
in the dispatch center. As changes are made to these databases, either by the dispatcher or  
by other means, the changes are substantially instantaneously broadcast to the mobile units.  
10    Preferably, a display screen in each mobile unit will display substantially the same call  
status and unit status details that the dispatcher sees on his or her computer display.

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